

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP  
CITY OF COLLEGE STATION  
AUGUST 19, 2014

STATE OF TEXAS           §  
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COUNTY OF BRAZOS       §

**Present:**

Nancy Berry, Mayor

**Council:**

Blanche Brick  
Steve Aldrich  
Karl Mooney  
John Nichols  
Julie Schultz  
James Benham, arrived after roll call

**City Staff:**

Kelly Templin, City Manager  
Robin Cross, First Assistant City Attorney  
Sherry Mashburn, City Secretary

**1. Call to Order and Announce a Quorum is Present**

With a quorum present, the Budget Workshop of the College Station City Council was called to order by Mayor Nancy Berry at 3:12 p.m. on Tuesday, August 19, 2014 in the CSU Meeting/Training Facility, 1603 Graham Road, College Station, Texas 77842.

2. In accordance with the Texas Government Code §551.086-Competitive Matters, the College Station City Council convened into Executive Session at 3:12 p.m. on Tuesday, August 19, 2014 in order to discuss competitive matters as that term is defined in Gov't Code §552.133; to wit:

- Power Supply

**3. Take action, if any, on Executive Session,**

No action was required from Executive Session.

**4. Presentation, possible action, and discussion on the FY 2014-2015 Proposed Budget.**

City Manager Kelly Templin reported that the Fire Chief stated the department could eliminate one safety officer, one fire fighter, and increase the EMS rate by 10% in order to fund a 3% pay increase. Council consensus was to go forward with this proposal.

Jeff Kersten, Assistant City Manager, provided a review of the proposed FY14-15 budget as it relates to the Enterprise Funds.

#### ELECTRIC FUND

Revenues are projected at \$101,763,343 and no rate increase is included in the FY15 proposed budget. Expenditures are anticipated to come in at \$96,606,481. Operating expenditures and transfers are projected at \$78,659,864 and include proposed service level adjustments. Other expenditures include debt service, transfer to the General Fund, ERP system replacement, contingency, and capital projects funding.

FY15 Electric Fund Capital expenditures are budgeted at \$7,135,418. Key Capital projects include: General Plant, overhead system improvements, underground system improvements, new services and system extensions, residential street lighting, thoroughfare street lighting, distribution, and transmission.

#### WATER FUND

Revenues are projected at \$14,791,020. Sources include user fees from water customers. No rate increase is proposed for FY15; however, the forecast does show a rate increase in the future. They are proposing a fire flow test fee and proposing a water tap fee adjustment. Expenditures are anticipated to come in at \$14,791,020. Operating expenditures and transfers are projected at \$6,832,627 and include proposed service level adjustments. Other expenditures include debt service, transfer to the General Fund, ERP system replacement, contingency, and capital projects funding.

Key Capital project expenditures are budgeted for \$6,687,309. Key Water System Production projects include: Well #9 (Design), Well #9 Collection /Line (Design), Well Field Fiber, Sandy Point Chemical System replacement, Cooling Tower expansion, and variable frequency drive replacement.

Key Water System Distribution projects include: SH40 water lines, Area 2 water line extension, reinstallation of a 30-inch water transmission line at Villa Maria and FM2818, and the Southland water line.

Key Water System rehabilitation projects include: design for the Eastgate/Munson/Francis utility rehab, and the rehab for Luther/Nimitz/Eisenhower/Cooner utility.

#### WASTEWATER FUND

Revenues are projected at \$14,516,187. Sources include user fees from water customers. No rate increase is proposed for FY15; however, the forecast does show a rate increase in the future. Expenditures are anticipated to come in at \$15,093,564. Operating expenditures and transfers are projected at \$7,248,568 and include proposed service level adjustments. Other expenditures

include debt service, transfer to the General Fund, ERP system replacement, contingency, and capital projects funding.

FY15 Wastewater Capital expenditures are budgeted for \$11,045,259. Key Wastewater System Collection projects include: East side FM158 sewer line, Creek Meadows oversize participation, Bee Creek parallel trunkline, and Royder/Live Oak sewer line completion.

Key Wastewater System rehabilitation projects include: the design of Eastgate/Munson/Francis Utility rehab, and the rehab of Nimitz, Eisenhower, Graham Road, and Cooner Utility.

Key Wastewater System Treatment and Plant projects include: Carters Creek Centrifuge improvements, Carters Creek structures coating replacement, Lick Creek generator replacement, Carters Creek headworks catwalk, Carters Creek fueling station, Lick Creek raw lift pumps, SCADA (new lift stations), Carters Creek electrical improvements, and Aggie Acres fiber optic conduit.

#### SANITATION FUND

Revenues are projected at \$8,839,711. This includes a 15% rate increase for commercial customers. It also includes \$403,910 from BVSMA to offset the Debt Service payment. Expenditures are projected at \$8,609,503. Operating expenditures and transfers are projected at \$7,657,521 and include proposed service level adjustments. Other expenditures include debt service, transfer to the General Fund, ERP system replacement, and capital projects funding. This also includes proposed funding in the amount of \$52,740 for Keep Brazos Beautiful and a Pay Plan proposal.

#### DRAINAGE UTILITY

Revenues are projected at \$2,138,800 received from Drainage Utility Fee revenues. Expenditures are projected at \$2,984,906. Operating expenditures and transfers are projected at \$1,742,305 and include proposed service level adjustments. It also includes drainage maintenance operations, and a Pay Plan proposal.

Capital projects expenditures are projected at \$1,213,642 to include greenway projects, minor drainage improvements, a drainage master plan, etc.

#### NORTHGATE PARKING FUND

Revenues are projected at \$1,409,777 received from Parking Fees and Parking Fines. There is no proposed change in rates, and fines are expected to remain relatively flat. Expenditures are projected at \$1,420,247, which includes Parking Operations and Maintenance, Non-parking activities, and a Pay Plan proposal. This also includes proposed funding for Debt Services at \$466,375 and Northgate Parking Garage Projects at \$315,365.

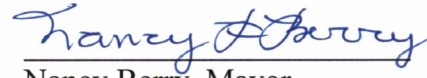
#### **5. Presentation, possible action and discussion on the 2014-2015 ad valorem tax rate; and, if necessary on calling two public hearings on a proposed ad valorem tax rate for FY 2014-15.**

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Nichols and a second by Councilmember Mooney, the City Council voted seven (7) for and none (0) opposed, to approve September 3, 2014


at 6:00 p.m. and September 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. for the two public hearings on a proposed ad valorem tax rate of 45.25 cents for FY 2014-15.

**6. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** There being no further business, Mayor Berry adjourned the budget workshop of the College Station City Council at 5:20 p.m. on Tuesday, August 19, 2014.

  
Nancy Berry, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Sherry Mashburn, City Secretary